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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the application, please  
undertake the following changes:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please add new claims 15 to 19:

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15. (New) The adsorbent structure of claim 3, wherein said  
high-silica zeolite in said adsorbent structure is not poisoned by  
water present in exhaust gas.

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